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TITLE: SEPARATION DEVICE FOR ELONGATED PARTS AND DEVICE  
FOR TRANSPORTING SAID PARTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this patent application,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.